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Mexican army soldiers stand near a fallen federal policeman in a road drainange ditch after a patrol of federal policemen were ambushed by unknown gunmen near the town of Zitacuaro, Mexico Monday June 14, 2010. Mexican federal police say 10 of their officers were killed in the attack and several others were wounded.

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Cristie Kerr, of the United States, waves to the gallery on the ninth green during the final round of the LPGA State Farm Classic golf tournament in Springfield, Ill., Sunday, June 13, 2010

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Obama to address nation Tuesday



The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) —
President Barack Obama
President Barack Obama
gestures while speaking at
the Theodore Staging Area in
Theodore, Ala., Monday, June
14, 2010. It is Obama's third
trip to the Gulf coast following
the Deepwater Horizon
disaster.

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plans a nationally televised address Tuesday night from the White House's Oval Office on his administration's efforts to contain the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The address is scheduled for 8 p.m. EDT.

It will be the first time Obama has spoken to the nation from the solemn venue of the Oval Office.

The president, who is trying to show the public he is in command of the situation, will take to the airwaves hours after he returns to Washington from the his fourth trip to a Gulf region suffering from the oil coming ashore in coastal areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.



Dozens rescued as flash floods inundate Okla. City

By SEAN MURPHY Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY – Firefighters helping a 17-year-old girl escape swift floodwaters were forced to cling to treetops and await rescue themselves after 10 inches of rain deluged parts of the Oklahoma City area Monday.

The boat carrying the rescuers sank just as it

reached the teen along a North Canadian River tributary that had toppled its banks. A second boat was able to safely recover the girl, the firefighters and the boat owner who lent his craft to the effort, which included more than 50 rescues of residents and stranded motorists. No injuries were reported across the area.

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In a June 9, 2010 file photo US General David H. Petraeus commander of United States central Command, CENTCOM, speaks at the Royal United Service Institute, Land Warfare conference in London, England.

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Huge obstacles seen in exploiting Afghan minerals

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Associated Press Writers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — It could take years and possibly even a peace settlement for Afghanistan to reap profits from nearly \$1 trillion in uptapped mineral resources that U.S. geologists say lie beneath its rugged terrain — some in areas currently controlled by Taliban insurgents or warlords.

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BP engineer called doomed rig a 'night



The Transocean Deepwater Discoverer drilling rig operates over the site the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Sunday, June 13, 2010, in Gulf of Mexico.

Associated Press

By MATTHEW DALY, **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON - BP took measures to cut costs in the weeks before the catastrophic blowout in the Gulf of Mexico as it dealt with one problem after another, prompting a BP engineer to describe the doomed rig as a "nightmare

well," according to internal documents released Monday. The comment by BP engineer Brian Morel came in an email April 14, six days before the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion that killed 11 people and has sent tens of millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf in the nation's worst

environmental disaster.

The e-mail was among dozens of internal documents released by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is investigating the explosion and its aftermath.

In a letter to BP CEO Tony Havward. Reps. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and Bart Stupak, D-Mich., noted at least five questionable decisions BP made in the days leading up to the explosion.

"The common feature of these five decisions is that they posed a trade-off between cost and well safety," said Waxman and Stupak. Waxman chairs the energy panel while Stupak heads a subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

"Time after time, it appears that BP made decisions that increased the risk of a blowout to save the company time or expense," the lawmakers wrote in the 14-page letter to Hayward. "If this is what happened, BP's carelessness complacency

inflicted a heavy toll on the Gulf, its inhabitants, and the workers on the rig."

The letter, supplemented by 61 footnotes and dozens of documents, outlines a series of questions Hayward can expect when he comes before Stupak's subcommittee on Thursday.

The hearing will be Hayward's first appearance before a congressional committee since the explosion and sinking of the BP-operated Deepwater Horizon rig. BP America President Lamar McKay and other officials represented the company at earlier hearings.

The letter by Waxman and Stupak focuses on details such as how to secure the final section of the deepwater well. The company apparently chose a riskier option among two possibilities — running a single string of steel casing from the seafloor to the bottom of the well, instead of hanging a steel liner with a "tieback" on top.

Despite warnings from its own engineers, "BP chose the more risky casing option, apparently because the liner option would have cost \$7 to \$10 million more and taken longer," Waxman and Stupak said.

In a brief e-mail exchange, Morel and a colleague, Richard Miller, talked about the last-minute changes.

"We could be running it in 2-3 days, so need a relative quick response. Sorry for the late notice, this has been nightmare well which has everyone all over the place," Morel wrote on April 14.

Waxman and Stupak also said BP apparently rejected advice of a subcontractor, Halliburton Inc., in preparing for a cementing job to close up the well. BP rejected Halliburton's recommendation to use 21 "centralizers" to make sure the casing ran down the center of the well bore, they said. Instead, BP used six centralizers.





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Ted Kennedy was death threat magnet, FBI files say

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For decades after gunmen shot down his brothers, Sen. Edward Kennedy lived under constant assassination threats of his own, sometimes chillingly specific, as he became a target for extremist rage, previously private FBI documents disclosed Monday.

Five years after President John F. Kennedy was killed and shortly after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot, one letter warned that the third brother was next: "Ted Kennedy number three to be assassinated on Oct. 25, 1968. The Kennedy residence must be well protected on that date." Nearly two decades later, in 1985, the threats continued, this time including the Republican president as well as the liberal Democratic senator: "Brass tacks, I'm gonna kill Kennedy and (President Ronald) Reagan, and I really mean it."

Releasing 2,352 pages from Kennedy's FBI file, many concerning threats over the years, the agency said on its website: "These threats originated from multiple sources, including individuals, anonymous persons and members of radical groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, 'Minutemen' organizations and the National Socialist White People's Party."

Some of the threats prompted investigations, some resulted in warnings to Kennedy or local law enforcement authorities. There is no indication any attempts were carried out.

In 1977, the FBI even looked into allegations that Sirhan Sirhan, the man who assassinated Robert Kennedy, had attempted to hire a fellow prisoner to kill Edward Kennedy. The prisoner, who was housed next to Sirhan for 18 months, told the FBI he was offered \$1 million and a car but declined.

President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Robert Kennedy was slain in Los Angeles on June 6, 1968. Their deaths cast a long shadow on the youngest brother's life and prompted fears that he, too, would be targeted by an assassin's bullet. Indeed, Kennedy wrote in his memoir "True Compass" that after his brothers were killed he was easily startled by loud sounds and would hit the deck whenever a car backfired. He died last year at 77 from brain cancer. Kennedy's widow, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, refused through a spokesman to comment on the document release.

Most of the documents released Monday are

about death threats and extortion attempts against the Massachusetts Democrat.

The release had been highly anticipated by historians, scholars and others interested in the life and long public career of one of America's most prominent and powerful politicians. The Associated Press and other media organizations requested the documents through Freedom of Information Act requests.

There is relatively little on a major controversy, Kennedy's car accident on Chappaquiddick Island off the coast of Massachusetts that killed Mary Jo Kopechne, a young woman who had been a worker in Robert Kennedy's campaign. The files do show that the FBI was told almost immediately of the accident and Kennedy's involvement, but authorities kept his identity quiet at the start.

The Boston FBI office relayed word to Washington headquarters at 2:45 p.m. EDT on July 19, 1969, after being notified by Police Chief Dominick Arena in Edgartown, Mass. The advisory said Kennedy, the vehicle's driver, was uninjured.

It also said, "Stated fact Senator Kennedy was driver is not being revealed to anyone."

Kopechne drowned after Kennedy drove the car in which she was riding off a bridge into a pond. He swam to safety, leaving Kopechne in the car. Kopechne, 28, was found dead in the submerged car's back seat 10 hours later. Kennedy, then 37, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and got a suspended sentence and probation.

In his memoir, Kennedy wrote that his actions on Chappaquiddick were inexcusable. He said he was afraid, "made terrible decisions" and had to live with the guilt the rest of his life.

Kopechne's death also caught the attention of the Nixon administration and one of the eventual Watergate conspirators, according to the FBI files.

One shows FBI Deputy Director C.D. DeLoach reporting an Oct. 17, 1969, call from John Dean, then assistant to the deputy attorney general.

"He stated that both the deputy attorney general and attorney general are anxious to discreetly find out if Mary Jo Kopechne (deceased) had visited Greece in August 1968," DeLoacch writes in his report.

Dean supplied Kopechne's passport number. The subsequent report about the results of the check on any visit to Greece was redacted from the file.



In this May 8, 2008, file photo, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., listens during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. Most of the secret FBI files on the late Sen. Edward Kennedy being released Monday concern death threats against the longtime senator.

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New rules for Wall Street must clear final hurdles



In this May 21, 2010 file photo, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, and House Financial Services Committee Chairman Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., speak to reporters outside the White House in Washington. Lawmakers will tackle sticking points and try to blend House and Senate bills into a single rewrite of banking regulations. A final measure, which President Barack Obama wants by July 4, is intended to prevent another financial crisis like the 2008 meltdown, which triggered a deep recession.

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JIM KUHNHENN Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) From big banks' exotic trades to the credit cards in people's wallets, it only takes a few of the most contentious issues to upend a careful political equilibrium as lawmakers try to blend House and Senate bills into a single rewrite of U.S. banking regulations.

The final measure, which President Barack Obama wants by July 4, is intended to prevent another financial crisis like the 2008 meltdown, which triggered a deep recession.

Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of a panel resolving differences in the two bills, and Sen. Christopher Dodd, who shepherded the Senate's measure, must fend off industry efforts to dilute the final legislation. And they will need to hold together a fragile Senate coalition that included only four Republicans.

Typically, legislation gets watered down in the Senate. This time, the Senate version emerged tougher than the House bill. Frank agreed

to make the Senate bill the base, with some minor House modifications.

There's momentum behind the Senate version.

"Throughout this process you have seen a desire by members not wanting to be seen voting with the banks," said Edward Mills, a financial policy analyst at FBR Capital Markets.

The financial industry is no stranger to the lawmakers working on the legislation.

At least 56 industry lobbyists have served on the personal staffs of the 43 Senate and House members who will have a hand in shaping the bill over the next two weeks, according to an analysis by Public Citizen and the Center for Responsive Politics, two government watchdogs.

What's more, the center found that lawmakers on the committee settling differences

between the competing House and Senate versions have received more than \$112 million over two decades from political action committees or employees of industries affected by the legislation.

"It's going to be very difficult to stop special interests, working through some members of the conference, from inserting weakening provisions," said Travis Plunkett, legislative director of the Consumer Federation of America.

A look at the main issues to be settled:

Derivatives:

These are the complex, unregulated securities that many corporations typically use as a hedge against market fluctuations. For instance, an airline may try to soften the cost of a potential rise in fuel prices by betting in the derivatives market that fuel prices will rise. But derivatives have become instruments for risky speculation. The legislation would require that they be traded in regulated exchanges.

The toughest Senate provision would force banks to shed most of their lucrative derivatives business — the trades they conduct for themselves and the markets they create for clients would have to be spun off into separate subsidiaries.

The proposal's chief advocate is Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, who survived liberal and labor attacks during a hard-fought Democratic primary runoff largely by spotlighting her anti-Wall Street stance.

The Obama administration and bank regulators, including Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, have said her proposal goes too far. Advocates say it would limit the type of risky bank behavior that led to the financial crisis.

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Killer of Calif. girl found in suitcase gets life

TERRY COLLINS **Associated Press Writer**

STOCKTON, California (AP) — A Sunday school teacher who pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering a neighbor girl in Northern California made a tearful apology to the victim's family Monday as she was sentenced to prison for the rest of her life. The punishment came after Melissa Huckaby, 29, reached a plea deal with prosecutors that took the death penalty and the possibility of parole off the table in the killing of 8-yearold Sandra Cantu, whose body was found in a suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond.

Huckaby offered no motive for the 2009 killing as she addressed the girl's mother, Maria Chavez. The victim was a playmate of Huckaby's daughter.

"I still cannot understand

why I did what I did. This is a question I will struggle with for the rest of my life," Huckaby said, her voice trembling.

She said Sandra "did not suffer, and I did not sexually molest her."

"I'm asking you, Maria, for your forgiveness," Huckaby said. "I can't imagine forgiving someone who harmed my daughter. I hope someday you can forgive me."

Authorities had provided few details about the killing until Monday, when Judge Linda Lofthus lifted a gag order.

Prosecutors released summary of their investigation that showed the cause of Sandra's death was "homicidal asphyxiation."

The summary included a pathologist's report saying she was found with a piece of bloody cloth tied around her head

She also had injuries to her external genitalia that were consistent with a bent, bloodstained rolling pin found inside a church where Huckaby had taught, according to the report. The blood stain matched Sandra's blood.

The victim's body also contained alprazolam, prescription sedative commonly used to treat anxiety. Prescription bottles of alprazolam were found in Huckaby's purse and home, prosecutors said.

Huckaby entered her surprise plea last month to first-degree murder with the special circumstance of kidnapping. All other charges, including allegations that she sexually abused the girl, were dropped as part of the plea deal.

Sandra was last seen on a surveillance video walking through the Orchard Estates



Melissa Huckaby, 29 wipes away tears after watching a multimedia presentation of Sandra Cantu's life shown before Huckaby was sentenced in the San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton, Calif. on Monday, June 14, 2010.

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29, 2009. Prosecutors said Monday the girl can be seen looking in the direction of Huckaby's home before she goes off-camera. Eight

Mobile Home Park on March minutes later, the tape shows Huckaby driving her car from the mobile home park in the direction of her grandfather's church, where the bloody rolling pin was found.

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won't soak into the ground."

When their boat sank, rescuers put a flotation vest on the teen and joined her in the tree, Cpl. Kyle Templeton said. The girl had waded into the fast-moving water to help a stranded motorist, who was able to get out of her vehicle safely, Templeton said. "She was nervous, of course, but she was calm. For 17 years old, she was really calm," Templeton said. "I just stood there and hugged the tree. We were all just hanging out there together." Slow-moving thunderstorms developed just south of the Oklahoma City area early Monday and dropped between 6 and 10 inches over most of the city by 11 a.m., inundating neighborhoods and stranding morning commuters. Several interstates were shut down, but reopened Monday afternoon. About 6,700 homes and businesses lost power, according to the

Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Waters had largely receded by Monday afternoon, but flash flood warnings remained in effect for several counties in southern and southwestern Oklahoma, and forecasters said

more thunderstorms were likely. "It certainly will aggravate the situation," said Daryl Williams, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Norman. "At this point, anything that falls in those areas will just run off and

Dozens of motorists had to be rescued from stalled vehicles in the northern Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond, where residents also were displaced. A temporary shelter was set up at a local elementary school, said police spokeswoman Glynda Chu.

"We had one officer who came in and rescued three carloads of people with families, including children and their pets," Chu said.

Aerial footage showed one northside Oklahoma City neighborhood where water tinged brick red from nearby Chisholm Creek sat hip-deep in some places and reached the tops of garages in others. Crews ferried families from their homes on small boats and jet skis. At least one person floated his way around on an innertube and other residents gathered in a garage as water worked its way up the driveway.

Fire crews went door-to-door in the northwest neighborhood of Ski Island, asking residents whose homes back up to Spring Creek to voluntarily evacuate while a nearby dam was evaluated



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Israel approves inquiry into Gaza flotilla attack



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Monday, June 14, 2010. Israel's Cabinet has approved an inquiry commission into its bloody attack on a Gaza-bound flotilla two weeks ago. The Cabinet convened Monday and okayed the independent public commission headed by a retired Israeli judge and including two high-ranking foreign observers.

Associated Press

MARK LAVIE SLOBODAN LEKIC Associated Press Writers

JERUSALEM (AP) — The European Union on Monday called Israel's closure of Gaza "unacceptable" and offered to play a role in opening the borders, as Israel appointed three Israeli experts and two foreign observers to a commission to investigate its

deadly raid on a Gaza-bound

flotilla.

The EU move added to the intense pressure Israel has faced to lift the blockade since nine pro-Palestinian activists died in clashes after Israeli commandos rappelled aboard one of the aid ships last month. The three-year closure has withheld all but the most basic supplies from Gaza's 1.5 million Palestinian residents.

The most notable dissent has come from President Barack Obama, who called the Gaza closure unsustainable. The U.S. pressure resonates more with the Israelis because of their close alliance with Washington.

International envoy Tony Blair also weighed in with a call to ease the blockade and said there were indications Israel was prepared to consider doing that.

Israel has maintained the blockade to keep weapons and missiles out of the hands of Hamas, to undermine support for the Islamic militants among Gazans and to press for release of an Israeli soldier held in Gaza for four years.

None of those goals has been achieved, but Israel warns that lifting the embargo altogether would allow Hamas, which does not recognize Israel's right to exist, to bring in unlimited weapons and missiles to be turned against the Jewish state.

The 27-nation EU has consistently opposed the blockade since it was imposed in 2007, objecting to the hardships caused to the people of Gaza.

In Luxembourg on Monday, the EU described the blockade as "unacceptable and politically counterproductive," saying in a statement it was prepared to return to an active role in helping supervise Gaza's border crossings.

The EU helped run the Egypt-Gaza crossing before Hamas overran the territory in 2007 and the EU observers were withdrawn. The EU, like the U.S. and Israel, considers Hamas a terrorist group and does not have direct contacts with Gaza's rulers. The statement said the EU would continue contacts with Israel, the Palestinian Authority of President Mahmoud Abbas whose forces were expelled from Gaza by Hamas - and "other appropriate parties," without mentioning Hamas. Despite that, Hamas has felt

vindicated by the outcry over the bloody flotilla attack, basking in the afterglow of this week's first visit since Hamas overran Gaza by the top Arab diplomat, Amr Moussa of the Arab League.

Several ideas are being floated to improve the dire situation in Gaza, where people have adequate basic food but little else — no exports, few consumer products, no raw materials and few construction supplies to rebuild damage from the Israel-Hamas war 18 months ago.

The main thrust of the EU statement was a demand to open the borders to civilian goods, with strict safeguards. "To this end, full and regular access via land crossings, and possibly by sea, on the basis of a list of prohibited goods, should be the prime aim," the statement said.

Up to now Israel has maintained a list of items it permits into Gaza through its crossings, banning the rest. Replacing that with a list of forbidden items, like weapons,

and letting everything else in is among the ideas on the table, said an Israeli official who spoke on condition of anonymity because no decision has been made.

While considering ways to ease pressure over the blockade, Israel also sought Monday to blunt calls for an international investigation of the May 31 flotilla attack.

Israel named its own inquiry commission, headed by retired Israeli Supreme Court justice Yaakov Turkel, joined by 93-year-old legal expert Shabtai Rosen and Amos Horev, a retired general and ex-president of the Technion, an Israeli university.

In an attempt to widen the image of the inquiry, Israel's Cabinet also approved two prominent international observers: David Trimble, a Nobel peace laureate

from Northern Ireland, and Canada's former chief military prosecutor, retired Brig. Gen. Ken Watkin.

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Trimble, a member of the British House of Lords, belongs to a pro-Israel faction in the parliament. Watkin has been a visiting fellow in the human rights program at Harvard Law School.

The participation of Trimble — who, like most Protestants in Northern Ireland, closely identifies with Israel — as well as the limited scope of the inquiry could draw international criticism.

Abbasrejected the commission, asserting it falls short of U.N. Security Council demands for an "impartial" investigation. A U.N. spokesman said Secretary-General Ban Kimoon doesn't reject the Israeli investigation but still wants an international inquiry.

Fourth hostage found in Colombian jungle after raid



Colombia's Defense Minister Gabriel Silva, left, applauds next to police LT. Col. William Donato, who was captured by the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC in 1998, upon Donato's arrival to a military base in Bogota, Monday, June 14, 2010. Donato was rescued Sunday during an army operation, together with other three members of the Armed Forces after 12 years of captivity.

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CESAR GARCIA Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA(AP)—Threepolice officials and a soldier held hostage by rebels in the jungle for nearly 12 years rushed into the arms of tearful relatives Monday and applauded the troops who rescued them in a surprise armed raid.

The four former captives, who were kidnapped in 1998 and were among the longest-held

by the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, received a heroes' welcome as they arrived at a military airport in the capital of Bogota.

Flanked by his wife and two children, police Gen. Luis Mendieta described to reporters how he and the others were preparing to "celebrate" his 53rd birthday Sunday when the sudden sound of

gunfire had them diving for cover.

"The shots begin, the grenades begin and I throw myself to the ground," Mendieta said. "For more than 20 minutes (soldiers) keep up the attack." Eventually the guerrillas scattered into the jungle, trying to escape. The hostages also fled for their lives and were separated, he said, some running into the forest cover. Soon "the army force arrives and I make first contact with them when I see a uniformed man with a helmet," Mendieta said.

The other three were rescued in the hours that followed — most recently police Lt. Col. William Donato, 41, who was found in good health early Monday after taking refuge among trees more than 260 feet tall. So far the military command has not given details on the rescue operation dubbed "Chameleon," citing the need to protect the safety of those who took part.

But army Sgt. Arbey Delgado, one of the rescued hostages, said from his vantage point it looked like a clean, well-planned raid.



Uzbeks flee Kyrgyzstan, seek safety at border

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JALAL-KUDUK, Uzbekistan (AP) — Standing behind barbed wire with other Uzbek refugees, the woman tearfully raised her hands in a Muslim prayer Monday for her dead husband. She had left his body at their burned-down house in southern Kyrgyzstan while fleeing ethnic riots that reduced much of a major city to ruins.

"He's lying there unburied," lamented the woman, who identified herself only as Khadicha, a doctor in her 50s, as she waited in a no-man's land to cross into Uzbekistan. She is among tens of thousands of minority Uzbeks who have fled the deadliest violence Kyrgyzstan has seen since the two ethnic groups fought over land 20 years ago as Moscow lost its grip on the former Soviet republic in Central Asia.

In the southern Kyrgyz city of Osh, three miles rom the border with Uzbekistan, gunfire pierced the air and fires raged for a fourth day. Officials said 138 people were killed and nearly 1,800 wounded since the violence began last week, but an Uzbek community leader said at least 200 Uzbeks had already been buried, and many bodies had not been recovered from charred homes and businesses.

The United States and Russia, which both have military bases in northern Kyrgyzstan — away from the violence — worked on humanitarian aid airlifts, as did the United Nations.

Uzbekistan hastily set up camps to handle the flood of refugees, most of them women, children and the elderly. They were hungry and frightened, with accounts of Uzbek girls being raped and Kyrgyz snipers shooting at them as they rushed to the border. Aid workers said many had suffered gunshot wounds. Kyrgyzstan's interim government, which took over when former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted in an April uprising in the impoverished country, has been unable to stop



Uzbek refugees seen in the southern Kyrgyz city of Osh, near the border with Uzbekistan, Monday, June 14, 2010. Some thousands of refugees have fled the pogrom that began last week in southern Kyrgyzstan.

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the violence and accused Bakiyev's family of instigating it to halt a June 27 referendum on a new constitution. Uzbeks — a minority in Kyrgyzstan as a whole but whose numbers rival the Kyrgyz in the south — have backed the interim government. Many Kyrgyz in the south have supported

Kyrgyz security chief Kenishbek Duishebayev said Monday evening on television that Bakiyev's younger son, Maxim, was arrested earlier in the day in Britain when he flew into a Hampshire airport on a private plane. Britain's Home Office said it could not comment for legal reasons.

Bakiyev.

Prosecutors, who placed him on an international wanted list in May, allege that companies he owned avoided almost \$80 million in taxes on aviation fuel sold to suppliers of the U.S. air base near the capital of Bishkek that is a crucial supply hub for the coalition fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The violent protests that led to President Bakiyev's ouster were fed by anger over corruption permeating his extended family, which grew wealthy and powerful under his rule. The new government has been under pressure to bring them to justice.

The government said earlier it had arrested a "well-known

Belgium party leader says squabbling must stop

ROBERT WIELAARD Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — The separatist New Flemish Alliance became Belgium's biggest party after a general election and its leader warned Monday that the country's endless political squabbling must stop.

Bart De Wever, the New Flemish Alliance leader, and other party leaders spoke with King Albert on Monday to figure out who should form the next government.

De Wever said the way forward for Belgium — which hosts major EU institutions and the NATO alliance — depended on the willingness of its four million French speakers to accept more self rule for Flanders and Wallonia, its Dutch and French-speaking regions.

"This country cannot afford months of political instability," said De Wever, 39, adding that the new government must also curb runaway spending.

After the 2007 elections, the formation of a new government took more than six months due to linguistic disputes.

Despite his electoral win, prospects of Flanders,

Belgium's Dutch-speaking north, bolting from an unhappy union are iffy.

Only the far-right Flemish Interest Party supports that. Christian Democrats, Liberals and Socialists oppose it, but they also want more regional self rule and see De Wever's election win as greatly improving that prospect.

On Sunday, voters gave Premier Yves Leterme's outgoing coalition of Christian Democrats, Liberals and Socialists—all split into Dutch and French-speaking camps—a withering report card for three years of stalemate.

The New Flemish Alliance won 27 seats in the 150-seat legislature, the Socialists in Wallonia won 26 seats and the long-dominant Flemish Christian Democrats captured only 17 seats.

De Wever said he would give the premier's job to a Francophone — most likely Elio di Rupo, leader of the Walloon Socialists — if that would ease resistance to more constitutional reform in Francophone Belgium.

"It is not my personal ambition to become premier," he said. "If it is useful to create more person" suspected of stoking the violence, but gave no other details. Suspects from Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan were also detained and claimed to have been hired by Bakiyev supporters, government spokesman Farid Niyazov said.

The new leaders had hoped to seal their political and democratic credentials with the referendum, but the likelihood of that vote taking place looked slim.

From self-imposed exile in Belarus, Bakiyev has denied any role in the violence. Speaking to reporters Monday, he again blamed the interim government for not preventing the rioting and called on the Moscowdominated Collective Security Treaty Organization to send in troops.



Chairman of the NVA, New Flemish Alliance Party, Bart De Wever, gestures on the podium after the results of the election in Brussels, Belgium, on Sunday, June 13, 2010.

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confidence in reform in the Francophone part of this country ... I'll gladly offer the post to a Francophone politician."

Flanders and Wallonia already have achieved self-rule in the past 30 years in urban development, environment, agriculture, employment, energy, culture, sports and other areas.

Flemish parties now want powers over justice, health and social security as well — but Walloon politicians fear that ending social security as a federal responsibility will mean the end of Belgium as a country.

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AFGHAN MINERALS

Continued from Front Page Geologists have known for decades that Afghanistan has vast mineral wealth. A U.S. Department of Defense briefing put a \$908 billion price tag on the country's reserves of iron, copper, cobalt, gold and critical industrial metals like lithium — a key ingredient in products from medicines to cell phone batteries.

If impoverished Afghanistan is seen as having a bright economic future, foreign capitals will have another way to convince their warfatigued publics that securing the country is worth the fight and loss of troops.

Still, without increased security and massive investment not only to mine but to transport the minerals, it could take years for Afghanistan to bank the rewards. And there's always the potential that such a discovery could bring unintended consequences, including corruption and civil

"Obama's war just became

complicated at the same time." said Bruce Riedel, a former CIA officer who helped advise the administration last year when it was rethinking its Afghanistan strategy.

Riedel said that if the U.S. can provide the Afghans security and logistics to build up its mining capacity, Afghanistan's international stock will suddenly become more valuable. But there are a host of complications - competing industries and countries, corruption and war. "If this was Pennsylvania, it'd turn out one way," he said. "But this is Afghanistan."

Stephanie Sanok, who dealt with similar issues while working at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, likened the situation to a carnival game that promises a prize if you can guide a tiny, hand-controlled crane to the perfect spot: It almost never works and requires a steady stream of money.

"Everyone has known about this," Sanok said of the minerals. "But there's no way to get at it."

more important and more For one thing, Afghanistan



In this May 18, 2010 photo, United States Army soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade cross rugged terrain while patrolling rural villages in the Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Twenty-two men in the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment of 800 died in a yearlong Afghan tour ending this summer. Most were killed last year in the Arghandab, a gateway to the southern city of Kandahar. About 70 were injured, all but two in bomb blasts.

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lacks even the most basic resources for mining, such as railroads and electricity. Afghanistan is expected to complete its first railroad this year, linking Mazar-e-Sharif

in the north to Asian rail lines.

And much of the minerals are located in or around Taliban strongholds, which could encourage fighting to gain control of the deposits, said Sanok, a senior fellow and International Studies in Washington.

Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Monday that the \$1 trillion figure didn't surface until recently because a military task force working on the issue had been focused on Iraq. The task force, led by Paul Brinkley, is helping Iraq and Afghanistan develop their economies. Until recently, discussions with Kabul have focused on encouraging the export of carpets, agriculture and other modest resources.

It wasn't until late last year that the task force got around to looking at a 2007 study done by the U.S. Geological Survey. That's when, according to Lapan, the group determined the estimated value.

According to the Pentagon, iron would account for almost half of that amount, or \$420 billion. Copper would come in second, with about \$273 billion

But many of the sites listed on a map as potential metal or mineral sites are also known for Taliban activity. For example, a cluster of those sites are just north of the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar and along the road leading to Kabul.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said last month that he had seen estimates that his nation's mineral resources could be worth between \$1 trillion and \$3 trillion. at the Center for Strategic The mineral resources are a "massive opportunity," Karzai said at a May 13 event with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

> Waheed Omar, a spokesman for Karzai, said the \$1 trillion figure represents the minerals found in the survey, but does not reflect an overall estimate of all minerals in Afghanistan.

> "I think it's very, very big news for the people of Afghanistan and that we hope will bring the Afghan people together for a cause that will benefit everyone," Omar said.

> Afghanistan's minister of mines was traveling on Monday, and his aides declined to provide details until a news conference Thursday in the Afghan capital.

> Most of the data on Afghanistan's mineral resources was produced between the early 1950s and 1985 — some by the Soviet Union during its war in Afghanistan. Much was hidden and protected by Afghan scientists during the following two decades of conflict, but after 2001, the data was returned to the Afghan government.

Iran cleric wants 'special weapons' to deter enemy

ALI AKBAR DAREINI, **Associated Press Writer**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The hardline spiritual mentor of Iran's president has made a rare public call for producing the "special weapons" that are a monopoly of a few nations — a veiled reference to nuclear arms.

The Associated Press on Monday obtained a copy of a book written by Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi in which he wrote Iran should not deprive itself of the right to produce these "special weapons."

Iran's government, as well as its clerical hierarchy, have repeatedly denied the country is seeking nuclear weapons, as alleged by the U.S. and its allies.

The Security Council last week imposed a fourth round of sanctions in response to Tehran's refusal to halt uranium enrichment, which Iran maintains is only for its nuclear energy program, but could conceivably be used to produce material for weapons.

The new U.N. sanctions call for an asset freeze of another 40 additional companies and organizations, including 22 involved in nuclear or ballistic missile activities.

Yazdi's hardline views, including devotion to the Mahdi, a messiah-like figure to reappear ahead of judgement day, have had a strong impact on Ahmadinejad, who shows him more respect than any other senior cleric.

Yazdi's book, "The Islamic Revolution, a Surge in Political Changes in History," was written in 2005 and then reprinted last year, but would have only had a very limited circulation among senior clerics and would not have been widely known. "The most advanced weapons must be produced inside our country even if our enemies don't like it. There is no reason that they have the right to produce a special type of weapons, while other countries are deprived of it," Yazdi said. Yazdi is a member of the Assembly of Experts, a conservative body of 86 senior clerics that monitors Iran's supreme leader and chooses his successor. He also heads the Imam Khomeini Educational and Research Institute, an Islamic think tank, in the holy city of Qom, 80 miles south of the capital.

In his book, Yazdi said Iran must acquire the necessary deterrent weapons in order to be able to stand up to its enemies.

"Under Islamic teachings, all common tools and materialistic instruments must be employed against the enemy and prevent enemy's military superiority," he said.

He also said Muslims must not allow a few powers to monopolize certain weapons in their arsenal. "From Islam's point of view, Muslims must make efforts to benefit from the most sophisticated military equipment and get specific weapons out of the monopoly of powerful countries," he said.

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Mexican police, killing 10 officers E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press Writer MEXICO CITY (AP) — Gunmen killed 10 federal police officers Monday in an ambush near a high school in western Mexico, staging one of the deadliest attacks on security forces since the government stepped up its

fight with drug cartels.

The latest in a series of mass slayings came as President Felipe Calderon defended his crackdown on traffickers in an essay on his office's website. He vowed he won't back down despite criticism that violence has only surged since he deployed thousands troops and federal police in late 2006 seeking to crush the cartels.

"I'm clearly convinced that we would be in a much worse situation if we hadn't decided to fight criminals," Calderon wrote in the 5,000-word essay, which was published by several newspapers.

"If we remain with our arms crossed, we will remain in the hands of organized crime, we will always live in fear," the president said in the essay, which also

blames Mexico's violence on the United States' voracious appetitive for illegal drugs.

In the Monday ambush in Calderon's home state of Michoacan, officers were returning from a patrol when they came under fire in the city of Zitacuaro, the federal Public Safety Department said in a statement.

An unspecified number of officers were wounded and were taken to hospitals in Mexico City and the Michoacan state capital, Morelia, the statement said. It said several assailants were also killed or wounded, but officials did not provide a number.

Brutal drug-gang violence has swept Michoacan, a state known for its picturesque colonial capital, beaches and Monarch butterfly sanctuary, and as the place where Calderon first launched his crackdown. The state is a stronghold of La Familia, a cartel known for beheading its rivals and making bold attacks on government security forces. Among attacks on law enforcement, the bloodied and tortured bodies of 12



Federal police patrol the area where federal policemen were ambushed by unidentified gunmen near Zitacuaro, Mexico, Monday, June 14, 2010. Mexican federal police say 10 of their officers were killed in the Monday attack and several others were wounded.

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last year dumped along a highway in Michoacan. Police did not immediately identify attackers involved in Monday's ambush or indicate whether they were suspected of being gunmen

for La Familia. But the

federal agents were found Public Safety Department did say the assailants picked up their wounded and dead and fled with them, a tactic often used by drug cartels. The U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning urging U.S. citizens "to exercise

caution when traveling in Michoacan." Nationwide, more than 22,700 people have been killed in drug violence since Calderon ordered the government offensive against cartels when he took office in extreme December 2006.



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Toy Story 3' doesn't shine quite as brightly



In this film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Jessie, voiced by Joan Cusack, Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen and Woody, voiced by Tom Hanks are shown in a scene from, 'Toy Story 3.'

(AP Photo/Disney Pixar)

By CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP Movie Critic

This is what happens when you're good at your job: Everyone expects excellence from you, and anything even slightly short of that feels like a letdown.

"Toy Story 3" is a gorgeous film — funny, sweet and clever in the tradition of the best Pixar movies — but because it comes from that studio's nearly flawless tradition, including two "Toy Story" predecessors, the expectations naturally are inflated. Excluding "Cars," Pixar has a perfect track record of animated classics, with the innovative "Toy Story" starting it all in 1995. And so the pressure's on to come up with a tale that makes a sequel worthwhile.

The storytelling in no way is in question; it never is at Pixar, which is the fundamental reason their films are so strong. Neither is the voice cast, led once again by Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack, with formidable newcomers like Ned Beatty thrown into the mix. The details are as vibrant and tactile as ever: the textures and expressions, the use of light, angles and perspective.

And the core concept — that toys have a rich, complex interior life when people aren't around — still holds up and resonates all these years later. If "Toy Story" hadn't come out in 1995 and "Toy Story 2" hadn't followed it in 1999, "Toy Story 3" would stand on its own as a breakthrough. Trouble is, those earlier movies do exist. And by comparison, this third installment doesn't feel quite so fresh.

And then, of course, there is the 3-D — the trend of the

the 3-D — the trend of the summer, the thing that makes this "Toy Story" different from the first two. It's not intrusive. It doesn't consist of stuff being flung at you and plopped in your laps in gimmicky fashion. But as is so often the case, it's also completely unnecessary. That's especially true with the kind of strong writing you have here. The script comes from Michael Arndt, an Oscar-winner for "Little Miss Sunshine," based on a story by director Lee Unkrich, Pixar chief John Lasseter and "WALL-E" director Andrew Stanton. The words and the characters pop off the screen just fine on their own.

The premise is compelling: Andy (voiced by John Morris) is no longer a kid playing all day in his room with Woody (Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Allen), cowgirl Jessie (Cusack) and the rest. He's heading off to college, and as he's cleaning out his room, he must decide what to do with his old friends. Mom (Laurie Metcalf) gives him two options: stick them in a box for storage in the attic or throw them in a trash bag for the garbage men.

The toys, including the neurotic dinosaur Rex (Wallace Shawn), know-it-all piggy bank Hamm (John Ratzenberger) and wisecracking Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head (Don Rickles and Estelle Harris), are understandably freaked out by both prospects. Plus, they're just sad to see their friend go and have all the good times end. It raises the kind of deep, existential question you don't often see in a kids movie: If

no one acknowledges you, do you still exist?

Through a couple of mix-ups (and some "

Mission: Impossible"-style maneuvering), they wind up instead at a day care, which seems awesome: Kids play with you all day! And new kids are constantly coming through, so the toys will never be bored or lonely! It's paradise — until they're placed in the room with all the wildly grabby toddlers, rather than the older kids who play a little more gently. And the whole place is run with a firm, fuzzy paw by Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear (the excellent Beatty), who's all Southern charm at first but is actually a Machiavellian tyrant. He's like a pink, strawberryscented Tennessee Williams character.

Among the other new cast members, Timothy Dalton is a total scene-stealer as a hedgehog in leiderhosen named Mr. Pricklepants, a preening British actor, and Michael Keaton is perfect as pretty-boy Ken, who's just as obsessed with clothes as Barbie (Jodi Benson) is. It's some of the best work Keaton's done in years, and a great reminder of how funny he can be.

Unkrich, who was a film editor on "Toy Story" and co-director on "Toy Story 2," plays the petite prison elements of the situation for tons of clever laughs. There's also a beautiful, sepia-toned flashback that explains the origin of Lotso's anger, as well as the back story of his chief enforcer, a creepy doll named Big Baby. But then "Toy Story 3" turns unusually dark as it heads toward its climax — it might be too intense for littler kids — before turning heavy-handedly sappy at the absolute end.

Adults in the audience will undoubtedly shed a tear or two. But that's how good the folks at Pixar are: They make you feel genuine emotions for hunks of plastic.

"Toy Story 3," a Disney Pixar release, is rated G. In 3-D and IMAX 3-D. Running time: 98 minutes. Three stars out of four.



Actor Gary Coleman is surrounded by journalists while working as a comedy radio personality at the opening arguments in the child molestation trial of Michael Jackson in Santa Maria, California in this February 28, 2005 file photo. Coleman died May 28, 2010 of a brain hemorrhage, according to media reports.

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Judge: Coleman remains to be cremated after 2 days

By BROCK VERGAKIS,

Associated Press Writer

PROVO, Utah – A Utah judge has ordered that Gary Coleman's remains be cremated after 48 hours.

Fourth District Judge James Taylor on Monday appointed an independent attorney to oversee Coleman's estate and the cremation of his remains until a dispute between Coleman's exwife and his ex-girlfriend is settled.

Coleman's ex-wife, Shannon Price, and his former girlfriend and manager, Anna Gray, both contend they are the lawful administrators of his estate.

Gray is named in a 2005 will, and Taylor delayed Coleman's cremation so she could travel to Utah from Portland, Ore., and see him one more time.

Price is named in a 2007 handwritten note by Coleman that's intended to amend any earlier wills. The note names Price as the sole heir.

Coleman stated in his wills that he wanted to be cremated.



FILE - In this April 5, 2010 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray, accused of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Michael Jackson appears at a procedural hearing at the Los Angeles Superior Court in downtown Los Angeles. Nearly a year after he went from anonymity to notoriety, Murray returns to court for a pretrial hearing that will determine when he goes to trial and what he will do in the meantime.

(AP Photo/David McNew, Pool, File)

Doc charged in Jackson death to keep Calif license

By LINDA DEUTSCH,

AP Special Correspondent LOS ANGELES – A doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death will keep his

California medical license after a judge ruled Monday he didn't have the authority to revoke it.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor declined a request by California authorities to suspend the ability of Dr. Conrad Murray to practice medicine in the state.

Pastor said there were no circumstances that warranted revisiting the conditions of Murray's bail.

California authorities have sought the suspension since Murray was charged with involuntary manslaughter in February.q



Stocks falter in last hour; trader anxiety sets in

By TIM PARADIS, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks faltered in the last hour of trading Monday after investors gave in to anxiety about Europe's economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average erased an early gain of 118 points to end down 20. The Standard & Poor's 500 also fell slightly, while the Nasdaq composite rose less than a point.

Stocks began the day higher following a report that industrial production in the 16 countries that use the euro grew more than expected in April. That boosted confidence that Europe could solve its debt problems and pushed the euro above \$1.22 for the first time since June 4.

Investors have been concerned that government spending cuts aimed at slashing debt would hurt Europe and slow a global recovery. However, there have been few signs so far that the budget cuts needed to contain rising debt in countries like Greece, Spain and Portugal have slowed economies around the world.

Greece is still enough of a concern that bad news about country's well-known problems was enough to help take down the market's advance. Traders at first shrugged off news that credit rating agency Moody's lowered its rating on Greece's debt to "junk" status. But in the final hour, many traders apparently decided the safest move was to take money out of the market. They were particularly uneasy after the Dow had risen 312 points in the prior two days.

The downgrade of Greece's debt wasn't the first and analysts said the market's response signals that traders are still jittery about Europe. "When you have ratings

"When you have ratings downgrades, it's the proverbial fire truck arriving at the barn after it has burned down," said Kent Engelke, chief economic strategist at Capitol Securities Management in Glen Allen, Va. "Ultimately, economic activity will trump these other fears facing the market."

Bank stocks fell on concerns about European debt and about a financial overhaul bill in Congress. Some traders are worried that the merged version of the House and Senate bills will be tougher on banks than analysts had anticipated. Tighter restrictions could cut into profits. JPMorgan Chase & Co. fell 2 percent, while Goldman Sachs Group Inc. lost 1.6 percent.

The early advance came on light trading volume. That left the market vulnerable because many traders want to see more investors buying in as a sign of growing confidence.

Dan Wantrobski, director of technical research at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia, expects the markets to be choppy for some time. He warned that the backand-forth trading could push skittish investors from the market and raise the chances that the market slides again this summer.

"The longer we wait here in this kind of purgatory, the more the likelihood we can break through," he said, referring to another drop in the markets. He wouldn't be surprised to see the Standard & Poor's 500 index fall to the 950-1,000 level this summer. That's a drop of about 8 percent to 13 percent.

The Dow fell 20.18, or 0.2 percent, to 10,190.89. The Dow hasn't risen three straight days since April.

The S&P 500 index fell 1.97, or 0.2 percent, to 1,089.63, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.36, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,243.96.

Winning stocks outpaced losers by 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume rose to 4.5 billion shares from 4.1 billion Friday.

The market is coming off its best week since mid-February. The Dow rose 2.8 percent last week to end a three-week losing streak. The gains didn't come from a steady climb, however. Stocks routinely sold off or rallied during the final hours of trading each day.

Bond prices fell Monday but pulled off their lows after stocks began to slide and investors once again went in search of safer investments. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.26 percent from 3.24 percent Friday.

Crude oil rose \$1.34 to \$75.12 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold fell.

JPMorgan fell 76 cents, or 2 percent, to \$37.33, while Goldman fell \$2.20, or 1.6 percent, to \$133.44.

Shares of BP PLC and Transocean Ltd. fell because of the fallout from the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. BP dropped \$3.30, or 9.7 percent, to \$30.67 on concerns that the company will suspend its dividend to ease political pressure it is facing in the U.S. Transocean Ltd., owner of the rig that exploded and set off the leak, fell \$2.07, or 4.4 percent, to \$44.78.



Semi-circular trading desk, lower, is seen

FILE - In this March 8, 2010 file photo, the semi-circular trading desk, lower left, of Cuttone & Co., is seen at the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks are set to open the week higher Monday, June 14, 2010, building on their first winning week in a month. Futures rose Monday following signs that Europe's economy is still growing.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

Homebuyer Tax Credit Closing Deadline May Be Extended

By Luke Mullins

With the deadline to qualify for Uncle Sam's homebuyer tax credit quickly approaching, Congressional lawmakers are trying to provide additional time for consumers scrambling to close transactions.

Last week, three U.S. Senators offered an amendment to a tax extension bill that would push back the date by which homebuyers need to complete their transactions in order to remain eligible for the federal tax perk. Under the terms of the measure, the original June 30 deadline to close transactions would be extended to September 30.

The extra time, however, would only apply to buyers who already have a sales contract. It would not open the door to additional buyers. "All [the measure] does is take the existing law and scratch out June 30 and put in September 30," says Lucien Salvant, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors (NAR). The measure was introduced by Nevada Democrat Harry Reid, Georgia Republican Johnny Isakson, and Connecticut Democrat Chris Dodd. The tax credit, which was extended and expanded in November, provides up to \$8,000 for qualified home buyers who signed a sales contract by the end of April and complete their transaction by the end of June. The legislation was designed to prod jittery home buyers off the sidelines and help mop up the glut of unsold inventory that is dragging down home prices.

On top of lower prices and cheap mortgage rates, the credit has helped stimulate buyer demand. Existing home sales increased 7 percent in March and 8 percent in April as the contract-signing deadline approached. But this increase in sales has, in some cases,

overwhelmed the real estate industry's capacity, thereby lengthening the time is takes to complete a transaction, Salvant says. Meanwhile, many first-time buyers are purchasing distressed properties--such as foreclosures or short sales--which often take longer to complete. These delays could prevent as many as 180,000 home buyers who signed a contract by April 30 from completing their transactions by June 30, NAR says.

"These are not buyers who just entered into the market," NAR President Vicki Cox Golder said in a statement Friday. "These are buyers who previously met all the qualifications for the tax credit, but find themselves at the mercy of a work-flow jam with the lenders or other delays and might not be able to complete the purchase of their homes."

Keith Gumbinger of HSH.com called such an extension sensible. "The systems which make up mortgage lending are clogged," Gumbinger says. "It's reasonable to ask for an extension of that if the delays are not the fault of the purchaser."

Since the measure does not open the door to additional buyers, Celia Chen of Moody's Analytics said it would have little impact on the housing market outlook. "It's just going to spread the sales later into the year," she said. "It's not going to change the actual number of homes that are sold."

The enactment of the measure isn't a done deal. Members of Congress will only turn their attention to the tax extension bill-to which this measure it attached-once they complete work on the contentions financial reform bill, Salvant says. Still, Salvant remains hopeful that the measure will become law before June 30.

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Kerr wins rain-delayed State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (AP)
— Cristie Kerr won the raindelayed LPGA State Farm Classic by one shot over Anna Nordqvist and Na Yeon Choi on Monday.

The final round of the event was played a day late due to weekend rain interrupting play. Kerr fought off flulike symptoms and late challenges from Nordqvist and Choi, shooting a 3-under 69 in the final round to finish at 22-under 266 at Panther Creek Country Club.

Kerr had a two-shot lead heading to the final hole, so a bogey on the final hole gave her the one-shot victory. It is her second State Farm Classic win, and she becomes the first American to win on the LPGA tour since Michelle Wie won the Lorena Ochoa Invitational last November.

"That definitely motivates me to be the top American and top player on tour," said Kerr, who won \$255,000 to move into the second on the money list, \$60,000 behind Ai Miyazato. "I'm just happy not to have to answer, 'Why are there no American winners anymore?' "

Juli Inkster, whose first-round 65 had her tied for second, shot 68-71 on the weekend to end in 35th

Karrie Webb made her way into a tie for 11th with a final-round 65. Natalie Gulbis went 4 under in her closing round to finish tied for 36th and Wie finished at 6 under, tied for 52nd.

Kerr led after third-round play was completed Sunday morning and would have been the champion if the fourth round had been washed out. But with more than half the round completed when heavy rain and lightning rolled in Sunday, tour officials decided



Cristie Kerr celebrates with the Bruce Callis trophy after winning the final round of the LPGA State Farm Classic golf tournament in Springfield, Ill., Monday, June 14, 2010.

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to try to finish the tournament Monday.

Kerr never wavered. After Saturday's delay, she made six more birdies to finish with a 63. Monday, she birdied three holes before an inconsequential bogey on 18. Kerr said the stormy conditions Sunday helped her.

"It was actually to my advantage that they called play last evening, because I was just exhausted," she said. "I didn't sleep well at all on Saturday night, just up coughing the whole night."

Kerr came down with flulike symptoms early in the week and then weathered two storm postponements that left birdie putts on the course to post rounds of 67-67-63-69. She missed the green and bogied 18 on Monday, but with a two-shot lead over Nordqvist and Choi, her two-putt was good for the victory.

"You know, you always want to try and complete the tournament to be able to feel like you earned it," Kerr said. "I would have taken it, don't

get me wrong, but this feels better."

Choi birdied three of her last four holes to get to 21 under, but Nordqvist, who birdied four straight before the rain stopped play on Sunday, was up and down after the break. She bogeyed the par-4 12th and before birdies on Nos. 13-14. She had another birdie chance on the par-5 16th, but missed a short put.



Belgium's Justine Henin jubilates after defeating Russia's Maria Sharapova during their third round match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, May 30, 2010.

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This Nov. 8, 2009, file photo, shows Phil Mickelson, right, watching his tee shot in front of Tiger Woods on the fifth hole during the final round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China. The U.S. Open returns to Pebble for a fifth time this year, with Woods trying to find his game on a course he has not seen in eight years, and Phil Mickelson trying to win the second leg of the Grand Slam and replace Woods at No. 1 in the world.

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Mickelson gets best chance yet at No. 1

PEBBLE BEACH, California (AP) — Masters champion Phil Mickelson has another chance to replace Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world this week at the U.S. Open, and this might be his best chance yet.

Mickelson can reach No. 1 for the first time in his career by winning at Pebble Beach. But there are more scenarios in Mickelson's favor.

He would go to No. 1 by finishing runner-up as long as Woods finishes out of the top four. Mickelson could finish third at the U.S. Open and go to No. 1 if Woods were to finish out of the top 18.

If Woods misses the cut, Mickelson would need no worse than a two-way tie for third.

Woods has been No. 1 for the last five years.

Henin returns to grass with straight-sets win

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (AP) — Top-seeded Justine Henin made a successful return to grass after a three-year absence by beating Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-4, 6-2 Monday in the first round of the Unicef Open.

Henin's last match on the surface was a defeat in the semifinals of Wimbledon in 2007 but she was a comfortable winner over Kerber at a tournament she won in 2001 and was runnerup two years later. The Belgian player, who resumed her career in January after spending 20 months in retirement, accepted a wild card to tune up for Wimbledon, which begins a week on Monday and remains the only Grand Slam event she has never won. Serbia's Ana Ivanovic recovered from a slow start to beat Sofia Arvidsson 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, while third-seeded Maria Kirilenko eased past Ioana Raluca Olaru 6-4, 6-1.

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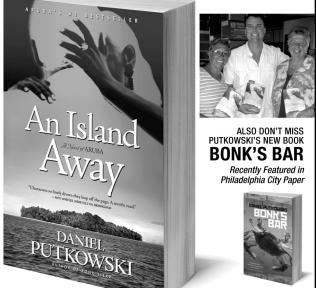
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akers down to last gasp against Celtics

GREG BEACHAM AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers are down 3-2 in the NBA finals against an old foe that keeps finding new ways to beat them.

They'll need Hollywood ending to escape with another championship — and that's exactly where they'll make their last stand against the Boston Celtics. Game 6 is back home Tuesday at Staples Center, where the Lakers are 9-1 in the postseason, with everybody from Kobe Bryant to the Lakers' bedraggled bench playing

and confidence. "If you look at it, they've come home and carried the 3-2 lead back," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's basically home court, home court. Now we're going back to home court to win it. That's the way it's supposed to be, isn't it?"

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Two straight losses in Boston led to a dire series deficit for the Lakers, who hadn't even trailed in any playoff series this season. The Celtics have won three of the last four games, and they're responsible for Los Angeles' only home loss of the playoffs.

So why didn't Jackson or Bryant seem particularly worried before they headed out on their final cross-country flight of the

Throughout postseason? a trying season filled with injuries and big-game setbacks since a Christmas Day loss to Cleveland, the Lakers have always been able to rise when they absolutely needed to do it. Jackson even described the Lakers' locker room as "spirited" after losing Game 5 in their lowestscoring performance of the postseason in the 92-86 loss. For all their struggles in Boston, the Lakers realize they only have to defend their home court to win their 16th title.

"We have a challenge, obviously, down 3-2." said Bryant, who scored 38 points in Game 5 while his struggling teammates only managed 48. "We let a couple opportunities slip away, but it is what it is. Now you go home, you've got two games at home that you need to win, and you pull your boots up and get to work."

If Los Angeles survives, a champion will be crowned Thursday in Game 7.

Heading into the finals, the Celtics believed they could beat the Lakers, even with Bryant at his spectacular best, if they shut down his teammates. After all, that's what Boston did two years ago in the finals — and so far, it's working splendidly again.

Bryant is averaging 30.2 points per game, while Pau Gasol averages 18.8 points and 10 rebounds despite glaring inconsistency in his game in Boston. That's just about it: Nobody else in purple and gold is averaging more than Andrew Bynum's 9.6 points per game. Yet after losing Game 1

and only surviving Game 2 with Ray Allen's 3-point shooting binge and Rajon Rondo's late-game poise, the Celtics aren't fooled into thinking they've got the Lakers on the run in Los Angeles. Boston's current starting five has never lost a playoff series for reasons that go beyond their talent. "They're playing at home. Home is always where your heart is," Boston's Kevin Garnett said. "With the severity of the game, it's all-out on both ends for both teams. This will probably be the hardest game of the season, if not of the series, if not of everybody's career, this game coming up."

Yet two straight losses undeniably have frazzled the Lakers a bit, with Bryant noticeably furious on the court while Game 5 slipped away. Even Jackson seemed a bit testier than his usual placid self, yelling at Bryant and Ron Artest during the game and later attempting to inspire his team in the fourth quarter with a false bit of information about the Celtics' propensity for blowing late-game leads.

Jackson likely senses the



Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson, center, talks to his team, including guard Kobe Bryant (24) and forward Pau Gasol (16), of Spain, during a timeout in the fourth quarter in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals against the Boston Celtics on Sunday, June 13, 2010, in Boston. The Celtics won 92-86, and lead the series 3-2.

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biggest danger yet to his streak of 47 straight playoff series victories after winning Game 1. The Celtics sense a golden opportunity for their 18th championship and a chance to join the Boston greats who won multiple titles while repeatedly denying the Lakers nine previous times in the NBA finals.

"The Lakers homecourt advantage, but we've played the best all year on the road," Boston coach Doc Rivers said.

"We're going to have to beat them at their best, because they're going to be great there, and we can't expect anything else."

Los Angeles' inside game has been its most decided advantage throughout the season, yet Boston largely outplayed Gasol, has the limping Bynum and Lamar Odom down low. The Celtics outscored Los Angeles in the paint 46-32 in Game 5, while the Lakers blocked just one shot — and Bryant did it.





Chicago Cubs starter Ted Lilly delivers a pitch against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning of an interleague baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, June 13, 2010.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Ted Lilly took a no-hitter into the ninth inning before pinch-hitter Juan Pierre led off with a single as the Chicago Cubs held on to beat the White Sox 1-0 on Sunday.

Gavin Floyd (2-7) flirted with a no-hitter of his own for the White Sox before Alfonso Soriano doubled with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. Chad Tracy followed with a single, producing the game's only run.

That took care of Floyd's run

at history — but Lilly (2-5) was still going and the tension began to mount as he inched closer to the 14th no-hitter in franchise history.

After Pierre's single, Carlos Marmol entered and the White Sox loaded the bases with one out. Paul Konerko bounced into a forceout at home and Carlos Quentin flied to center to end the game, giving Marmol his 13th save in 16 chances

Nationals 9, Indians 4

Stephen Cleveland,

MLB Roundup

Lilly takes no-hitter into 9th, Cubs beat Sox 1-0

Strasburg had trouble with Cleveland's mound while lasting 5 1-3 innings during his second major league start, leading Washington to the victory.

Coming off a 14-strikeout debut, Strasburg (2-0) allowed just two hits, one a home run by Travis Hafner. He struck out eight and walked five before leaving to a chorus of boos in the sixth as Washington ended Cleveland's four-game winning streak.

Strasburg's appearance drew 32,876 fans, the secondlargest crowd at Progressive Field this season.

Adam Dunn homered off David Huff (2-8), scored three times and accidentally barreled over Cleveland's hotshot prospect, catcher Carlos Santana.

Phillies 5, Red Sox 3

At Boston, Cole Hamels cooled off Boston's surging lineup with seven strong innings, helping Philadelphia salvage the finale of the weekend series.

Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for the Phillies, who snapped a six-game road losing streak with just their eighth win in their last 24 games overall.

Adrian Beltre hit his ninth homer for Boston, which plated double digits in each of the first two games of the series, winning by a combined score of 22-4.

Angels 6, Dodgers 5

At Los Angeles, Hideki Matsui had three hits and drove in two runs, and Jered Weaver pitched into the seventh inning as the Angels swept an interleague Freeway Series at Dodger Stadium for the first time.

Torii Hunter and Mike Napoli homered for the Angels, who improved to a season-best six games over .500 at 36-30 with their 10th win in 12 games.

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James Loney drove in three runs with two late doubles for the Dodgers.

Marlins 6, Rays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Chris Volstad pitched six solid innings to stop a personal six-game winless streak as Florida got two RBIs from rookie Mike Stanton in a win over Tampa Bay.

Volstad (4-6) gave up one and four hits. He was 0-4 with a 4.91 ERA in six starts since earning a win against Washington on May 7.

Jorge Cantu and Wes Helms homered for the Marlins, who won two of three in the weekend series.

At New York, Jorge Posada hit a grand slam for the second straight day and Robinson Cano connected for his 100th career homer as the New York Yankees completed a threegame sweep of Houston.

Catching for the first time since coming off the disabled list June 2, Posada connected for his ninth grand slam in the fifth after the Astros walked the bases loaded with two outs for the second inning in a row.

The last Yankee to hit grand slams in consecutive games was catcher Bill Dickey in 1937, according to STATS LLC. The last player to do it in the big leagues was Mets center fielder Carlos Beltran on July 16 and 18, 2006.

the designated hitter and batting right-handed on Saturday, Posada hit his first grand slam since 2004.

Giants 6, Athletics 2

At San Francisco, Aubrey Huff hit a pair of tworun homers and Matt Cain extended his winning streak to four consecutive starts as San Francisco finished off a three-game series sweep.

Jack Cust had three singles for Oakland, which dropped its sixth straight game at AT&T Park.

At Minneapolis, Troy Glaus homered twice and tied a career high with four hits to power Atlanta past Minnesota



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Armstrong's RadioShack unhappy at Vuelta snub

S C H W A R Z E N B U R G, Switzerland (AP) — Lance Armstrong's RadioShack team complained of unfair treatment Monday after being refused an invitation to take part in the Spanish Vuelta.

The Vuelta organizers announced the 22 teams that

will compete in this year's race. Sixteen teams were preselected under an agreement between race organizers and the International Cycling Union (UCI), including Astana, Quick Step and Euskaltel-Euskadi. Another six received invitations: Andalucia-

Cajasur, Xacobeo-Galicia, Cervelo TestTeam, Team Sky, Katusha and Garmin-Transitions.

RadioShack was the most prominent absentee.

"They told us we were not selected because other teams were better in their eyes. We

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US Lance Armstrong from team Radioshack, walks in the start village before the 3rd stage, a 196,6 km race from Sierre to Schwarzenburg, at the 74nd Tour de Suisse UCI ProTour cycling race, in Sierre, Switzerland, Monday, June 14, 2010.

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Schleck wins third stage of Tour of Switzerland

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer

SCHWARZENBURG, Switzerland (AP) — Frank Schleck of Luxembourg led a late breakaway Monday to win the third stage of the Tour of Switzerland, while Lance Armstrong gained ground in the standings.

Germany's Tony Martin of Team HTC-Columbia took the overall race lead from Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara in the 197-kilometer trek from Sierre to Schwarzenburg featuring a Category 1 climb, the Mosses Pass.

Schleck, a Saxo Bank teammate of Cancellara who's known as a strong climber, triumphed by breaking away in the final 200 meters (yards) of a climb before a relatively flat last kilometer.

He beat his arms in the air after holding off a late surge by Colombia's Rigoberto Uran, who was second. Both clocked 5 hours, 2 minutes, 21 seconds.

"That felt like the longest kilometer of my life," said Schleck, who has come to the Swiss race in a mood of "serenity" in the run-up to the Tour de France.

"It makes me happy to win a stage here," he said.

Dutch rider Bauke Mollema was third, three seconds back, as was Martin — who began the stage a second behind Cancellara. The Swiss rider and Armstrong finished seven seconds back of Schleck.

Overall, Martin leads Cancellara by one second, and Sweden's Thomas



Luxembourg's Frank Schleck, from team Saxo Bank, raises his arm after crossing the finish line to win the 3rd stage, a 196,6 km race from Sierre to Schwarzenburg, at the 74nd Tour de Suisse UCI ProTour cycling race, in Schwarzenburg, Switzerland, Monday,

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Lovkvist is third, nine seconds back. Armstrong rose to 21st, from 33rd, and is 30 seconds behind the German.

Martin said taking the yellow jersey was "a great honor."

Three competitors — Jussi Veikkanen of Finland, Alexandre Pliuschin of Moldova and Ermanno Capelli of Italy — broke out at the 13.7-mile mark and chiseled out a 15-minute lead before they were all overtaken with 22 kilometers to go.

The race is Arm

strong's last before he embarks on his bid for an eighth Tour de France victory when the sport's main event starts July 3.

Asked if he thought Armstrong could win the Tour de France, Schleck replied: "Yes, I do ... You ask me about anybody else and I would say no."

"But you're talking about Lance."

Armstrong did not take questions after the stage, but tweeted congratulations to Schleck and his "impressive ride."

Armstrong's longtime coach, Team RadioShack manager Johan Bruyneel, said some rivals are "quite a lot better" than his riders — and the team focus will be on finishing the Swiss race well.

"We don't want to stress too much," he said, referring to Armstrong. "We can only say at the end of the Tour of Switzerland how his condition is ... but I think it's in a good spot right now."

Racers will face two midlevelclimbsinTuesday's fourth stage, a 119.3-mile ride across the rolling hills of northern Switzerland from Schwarzenburg to Wettingen.

The race's toughest day, featuring three big climbs, looms Thursday in Stage 6. Sunday's finale is a time trial.

are not happy about it," team spokesman Philippe Maertens said. "If you're not invited to a party, you cannot go to court to say 'Hey, I want to be at that party.' It's not fair, it's not logical... That's life."

Armstrong and RadioShack are currently competing in the Tour of Switzerland.

Seven-time Tour de France winner Armstrong was not expected to be available to compete in the Aug. 28-Sept. 19 Vuelta because he will be attempting to win the French race again this year. But other teammates would have competed in Spain.

The RadioShack team also includes 2010 Dauphine winner Janez Brajkovic, Levi Leipheimer and Andreas Kloden.

Team manager Johan Bruyneel reacted angrily to the omission, saying it's "high time for 'professional' cycling to become professional."

"In cycling there are three parties: UCI, organizers and teams/riders," he said in a statement released by the team. "Unlike in other professional sports, the teams and riders are the main actors who are never heard. I will fight for our rights and for other things that rightfully belong to us but we never get. There is an abuse of power. Some organizers take away the hunger of potential sponsors to invest in our sport. It is unjust that a new sponsor, coming into cycling with a lot of enthusiasm, is not rewarded for their financial input. For me it is hard to explain to my sponsor that 21 other teams are apparently better than us. Especially when it isn't true." The Vuelta is considered among the world's top three multi-stage races, along with the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia.□



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Italy held to 1-1 draw, Netherlands, Japan win

CHRIS LEHOURITES
AP Sports Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP)
— Defending champion Italy was far from proving itself to be a credible contender for a second straight World Cup title Monday, and the flying form of the Netherlands never

really got off the ground.

The Italians, who came into the World Cup in South Africa with an aging squad and questions about whether they could again win consecutive tournaments as they did in 1934 and '38, were held to a 1-1 draw by Paraguay in Group F in Cape Town.

The two-time finalist Dutch struggled to get the offense moving at Soccer City but still managed to earn a 2-0 win over Denmark in Group E. In the other Group E match, Keisuke Honda scored to lead Japan over Cameroon 1-0 in Bloemfontein.

Antolin Alcaraz gave Paraguay the lead at the Green Point Stadium with a header in the 39th minute of the rainy Group F match, and Daniele De Rossi equalized for Italy from close range in the 63rd. "The biggest regret is the result," Italy coach Marcello Lippi said. "They only approached the goal once and they scored. We reacted well but you've got to win games likes these."

Italy, however, played the secondhalfwithoutgoalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who left the game with back a problem. Buffon said the problem was with his sciatic nerve.

"I hope he's back for the next game but that will be up to the doctors," Lippi said.

In Johannesburg, Dirk Kuyt scored one goal for the Dutch, who came into the tournament in South Africa expecting to show the world how to play beautiful, free-flowing football. But the other goal



Netherlands' Dirk Kuyt, second from right, celebrates with teammates including Netherlands' John Heitinga, right, after scoring during the World Cup group E soccer match between the Netherlands and Denmark at Soccer City in Johannesburg, South Africa, Monday, June 14, 2010.





LEFT: Japan's Keisuke Honda, top, celebrates with fellow team members after scoring the opening goal during the World Cup group E soccer match between Japan and Cameroon at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Monday, June 14, 2010. RIGHT: Italy's Gianluca Zambrotta, bottom, and Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, left, look at the ball go into goal after Paraguay's Antolin Alcaraz, not pictured, scored during the World Cup group F soccer match between Italy and Paraguay in Cape Town, South Africa, Monday, June 14, 2010.

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came off an unfortunate mishap when Denmark defender Simon Poulsen headed a ball off the back of teammate Daniel Agger and into the net.

"We wanted to play beautiful football but we lost the ball," Netherlands coach Bert Van Marwijk said. "(But) from time to time you could see how good we can be."

The Netherlands took the lead against Denmark in the 46th minute when Poulsen tried to clear a cross from Robin van Persie but instead headed it off Agger's back and into the net.

"I was just thinking, this can't be happening," Poulsen said of the freak goal.

Kuyt added the second goal in the 85th when he tapped in a rebound off the post from close range.

The Netherlands reached the 1974 and '78 World Cup

finals, but lost both times. Heading into this year's World Cup, the Dutch finished the qualifying campaign with a perfect record.

In Bloemfontein, Japan won its first match at the World Cup on foreign soil when Honda scored in the 39th from a curling cross by Daisuke Matsu

"I found a good position and the ball was very good," Honda said.

"I just told myself to be calm to make it because recently we have missed good chances, so I wanted to make it absolute today."

Through 11 games, there have been eight clean sheets, with the only matches where both teams scored coming in 1-1 draws between the United States and England, between South Africa and Mexico, and Italy Paraguay. Through Monday, no winning team had allowed a goal.

The Italy-Paraguay match at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town started on time despite a wage dispute between stewards and a security contractor. Police took over responsibility for security both in Cape Town and in Durban.

"Gates have opened, the police are in control and the match will kick off as scheduled," organizers said in a statement.

Also, the topic of the vuvuzela went right to the top at FIFA again on Monday, with president Sepp Blatter defending the loud plastic horns that are commonplace at football matches in South Africa.

"I have always said that Africa has a different rhythm, a different sound," Blatter said in a Twitter message. "I don't see banning the music traditions of fans in their own country."

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Tierra del Sol once again to host Heritage Cup



MALMOK - Championship golf course Tierra del Sol is gearing up to host the second annual Heritage Cup, with a series of five events spread over the Summer season.

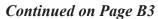
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Aruba Minister meets with US government commerce and trade executives

Minister of Social, Cultural and Economic Affairs Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar

ORANJESTAD—Aruba is ready to tighten its commercial ties with the USA. Mrs. Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar, Minister of Social, Cultural Economic Affairs was recently in the USA for meetings with the US Department of Commerce. The Aruba Minister met with the Deputy Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere, Walter Bastian, to discuss possibilities for more trade and commerce between the US and Aruba. Mr. Bastian is responsible for programs, management and strategies designed to reinforce the commercial position of the US in the region.





Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach talk to Parlamentarians about child seats



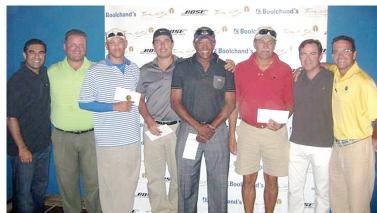
ORANJESTAD – During the last few weeks the Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach met with the members of each fraction in parliament to discuss their campaign to promote the use of child seats and the proposal to incorporate the use of child seats in the traffic laws.

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Tierra del Sol once again to host Heritage Cup







MALMOK - Championship golf course Tierra del Sol is gearing up to host the second annual Heritage Cup, with a series of five events spread over the Summer season. The Heritage Cup will kick off on June 19th, with the second golf event on the 26th of June, the third event on the 10th of July, the fourth event on the 21st of August and the fifth and final event on September 11th, 2010. Every day of the tournament will have a shotgun start at 12:30 PM.

Each of the five events will have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, determined by the Stableford System. To be eligible for the overall standings, players must participate in two of the first four events, as well as the final event. After the first four events, the top thirty point leaders participating in the final event will compete for the Heritage Cup Championship. For more information or to register for the Tierra del Sol Heritage Cup Golf Series presented by Johnnie Walker, call Tierra del Sol at (297) 586 0978, or email Golf Pro Adam Williamson at adam. williamson@tierradelsol.com Photos show some of the memorable moments from last year's Heritage Cup at



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Aruba Minister meets with US government commerce and trade executives



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Mrs. Hooyboer Winklaar was able to explain the vision of Aruba to attract more US investment and outlined the priorities of Aruba. She received valuable tips from the US Executive how to achieve the objectives and was also invited to participate in the 'Competiveness Conference' next October in Atlanta, during which major investors gather to discuss potential projects.

Mr. Bastian told Minister he was happy to see an Aruba representative in Washington DC (Mrs. Jocelyne Croes), as that function will allow many doors to open, particularly when it comes to investments and trade.

Mrs. Hooyboer Winklaar also met with the Principal Deputy Secretary of State of Bureau of Economic, Energy and



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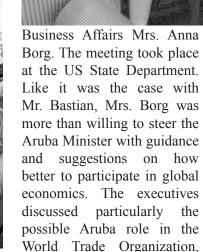
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Aruba feels it is important for the US government to be aware of the themes that are of importance for the island and trade relations between the countries. Minister Hooyboer Winklaar emphasized that the Aruba government, in its new constellation, looks forward to continuous good relations with the US, as the main economic World Trade Organization, partner for this country.



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Great turn out for Dutch soccer match at Café Rembrandt





PALM BEACH - Soccer fans and fanatics came together at Café Rembrandt Monday to watch the Dutch match against Denmark.

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the Danish. Even though the match started early, there was a great turn out with enthusiastic soccer fans in Aruba's World Cup Epicenter, alias Café Rembrandt. Many enjoyed one of the breakfast specials or enjoyed a glass of fresh orange juice.

Some diehard soccer fans

in any way all hands went up when the Dutch team scored and finally won.

World Cup Soccer Mania has now become a fact and every World Cup match is broadcasted live at Café Rembrandt! The next Dutch match will be broadcasted Saturday June 19th at 7:30am and everyone is again invited!

As June 11 Café Rembrandt started a lottery in which everyone that comes in for lunch or dinner can participate.

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match of the Dutch team a drawing will take place and some great prizes can be won

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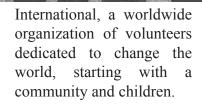


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All-Star Caribbean Line Up On

New CD To Benefit CTO Scholarship Foundation

Kevin Lyttle, Dollarman, Singing Melody & Lazo Among Caribbean's Best Talents on 'Love The Music' Compilation



CARIBBEAN – From chart toppers on both sides of the Atlantic to a Juno Award winner, some of the region's most successful and vibrant artistes are contributing their talent for a Caribbean cause. Kevin Lyttle (St. Vincent & The Grenadines) - whose hit song 'Turn Me On' reached # 4 on the U.S. charts and # 2 on the UK charts, while his self titled album reached # 8 in the

U.S. and was RIAA certified Gold; Dollarman (Grenada) who is the featured artist on the songs 'Rock this Party' and 'Soundz of Freedom' - both reached # 1 on the Billboard Dance Chart; and Lazo (Dominica) who won a Juno Award in 2000 for Best Reggae Recording for 'Heart and Soul, are among a number of respected Caribbean musicians featured on a new

compilation CD entitled 'Love the Music'.

The project is the result of a strategic partnership between the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and Ryff Music, with part of the proceeds going to the CTO scholarship programme, the CTO Foundation.

Also included in the line up are: Singing Melody (Jamaica) whose single 'Want You Back', reached #3 on the New York Reggae Top 30 and #1 on the Star Top 40; Natural Black (Guyana) who has had several hits including 'Far From Reality' and 'Nice It Nice'; Kamau Georges (British Virgin Islands) one of the BVI's most talented artist and producers; KB (Bahamas) one of Bahamas most popular artist; Dudley (Bermuda) whose song 'Bermudian Gal' was a big radio hit and still enjoys radio play on Bermuda's Hot 107.5's; Aloe Blacc (Panamanian) whose song 'I Need a Dollar' is the theme song for the HBO hit show 'How to Make it in America'; and Fae Simon (Carriacou and Jamaica), the UK's upcoming artist. Producers who contributed to the project include Albert 'Dvo' Desilva (Guyana), Herbert Alexander (USVI), Kamau George (BVI), Max Tannone (USA) and several other talented Caribbean musicians.

In addition to the 12 full length songs on the album, there will be a bonus 'Love the Mix' CD produced by DJ Chigga featuring a variety of local Caribbean artist who submit their music on-line atwww.ryffmusic.com.

The project will be distributed through Redeye distribution, leading independent distributor for both physical and digital music around the world. Their retailers in the U.S. include chains such as Best Buy, Borders, f.y.e. and independent stores throughout the country. Redeye also exports records to Canada, Europe, Asia and Australia, and provides a digital distribution service that delivers content to iTunes, eMusic, Rhapsody and many other digital music Redeye currently distributes such labels as Daptone Records, Alive Records, Bella Union Records, Revelation Records and artist such as Widespread Panic, The Donnas, Sun Public Enemy and Au Revoir Simone.

The CD will be made available in stores and on-line during Caribbean Heritage Month this month, with a series of promotional activities taking place during Caribbean Week in New York.

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Dutchies come out in droves for World Cup Soccer

Oranje are back again in classic form

extending their unbeaten streak to 20 games, yet still surrounded by the doubts of their decades of frustration.

By most estimates, the Netherlands is the best team never to have won a World Cup. The team has always had a knack for failing to fulfill its enormous potential. But after its strong play in recent months, including a

opening World Cup match, 2-0 win over defensively strong Denmark on Monday, it needs to be taken seriously as a potential favorite this

> It might finally lift the curse of poor fortune that has dogged it since the 1970s.

The history of near-misses is agonizing for Dutch fans. They all remember 1974 and 1978, when Holland reached the World Cup final, and 1998, when it reached the semi-final. On each occasion, it flamed out – even if it was by a narrow margin, as it was in 1974, when the Dutch took an early lead against West Germany, only to fall

The Dutch did win a European Championship in 1988, but that remains their only major trophy in the past few decades.

Some say their frequent appearances in finals and semi-finals are a testament to the soccer prowess of a relatively small country. On the other hand, their ultimate defeat in those matches has highlighted the underachieving record of a soccer power that could be so much better.

In the early 1970s, led by the legendary Johan Cruyff and coaching genius Rinus Michels, the Dutch famously invented Total Football,





a system of position-shifting and relentless passing to build pressure. Their precise passing led them to be called the Clockwork Oranje. They shot to success in 1974 and 1978 – yet failed both times in the ultimate match. Today, the Dutch are ranked fourth in the world, ahead of betterknown teams such as Italy, England and Germany. They entered the 2010 World Cup on a 19-game unbeaten streak, including an impressive 8-0 record in qualifying matches.

The momentum from these victories spilled over to the opening match on Monday, against a well-respected Denmark side. The Netherlands



was buoyed by incredible opportunities, despite the support from thousands of absence of injured forward Dutch fans, whose joyful noise dominated the crowd much smaller number of Danish supporters.

the South African fans, who tended to support Holland – partly for historic reasons, including the close connection between the Dutch and Afrikaners centuries ago.

uncharacteristically ragged, the Dutch improved as the game went on. Their Danes, weaving through defence was solid, allowing the defence and posing a the Danes only a couple constant threat on the wings. of scoring chances. On It was his swift charge and offence, they enjoyed by quick shot that produced the far the majority of the best second goal – by Dirk Kuyt

Arjen Robben.

Some observers were of 83,465 at Soccer City critical of the Oranje after stadium, overwhelming the Monday's match, noting their ineffectiveness in the first half, and reliance on Another boost came from a Danish own-goal to gain the lead. Even the Dutch players admitted their firsthalf performance was weak, but everyone noticed the dramatic improvement as the game wore on – especially after the arrival of forward While play in the first half Eljero Elia as a substitute after 67 minutes.

Elia wreaked havoc on the



from Elia's shot. His presence game press conference. "It showed the depth of the was a difficult first half. We Dutch team, offering another didn't play that well today, weapon for its attack.

Wesley Sneijder, who sparked best, but we won.' Inter Milan to Champions Officially, Soccer City League, Serie A and Italian Cup titles this year, was named the man of the match. The midfielder said he was transportation problems. satisfied with the victory, noted the mark of a good performance.

the most important one,"

but we won 2-0. It wasn't our

stadium was nearly sold out. But thousands of seats were empty, raising questions about

Traffic jams are making it despite Holland's inability difficult for motorists to reach to score in the first half. He the World Cup stadiums, and most fans are refusing to use team is its ability to win even public transit. There are also on a day when it lacks its top growing doubts about the official claim that 97 per cent "The first victory is always of World Cup tickets have been sold.





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Natalee Holloway's father seeks answers in Aruba



Beth Holloway, mother of Natalee Holloway, speaks during the opening of the Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC) at the National Museum of Crime & Punishment in Washington, Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Holloway's daughter disappeared in Aruba in 2005, and today launched a resource center named for Natalee to assist the families of missing persons.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

ORANJESTAD, Natalee Holloway's father was back in Aruba

Aruba suspect in his daughter's disappearance has provided local authorities with new on Monday, hoping the clues since being arrested

for the killing of a 21-yearold woman in Peru.

Dave Holloway planned to discuss the latest developments with prosecutors and investigators at a meeting Tuesday, said Tim Miller, a friend and the founder of Texas EquuSearch, a group that has repeatedly searched for the missing Alabama woman since her disappearance in 2005. He had previously said they would discuss the case Monday but the meeting was postponed for unknown reasons.

Miller, who is staying with Holloway in Aruba but not attending the meetings, said volunteers were ready to immediately resume the search if there is any new information from Joran van der Sloot, who was jailed Friday on charges of killing business student Stephany Flores on May 30 in a Lima

of Flores, on the fifth anniversary of 18-yearold Natalee Holloway's disappearance in Aruba, opened up old wounds for the distraught father, who has been frustrated with the lack of progress by Aruban authorities.

"He's very saddened," Miller told The Associated Press.

"He feels that if the Arubans had done their job, Joran would be in jail and Stephany would be alive." Holloway and have made many previous trips to Aruba in search of clues about the teen from Mountain Brook, Alabama, who was last seen leaving a bar with Van der Sloot on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the Caribbean island.

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Americans get most radiation from medical scans

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Medical Writer

We fret about airport scanners, power lines, cell phones and even microwaves. It's true that we get too much radiation. But it's not from those sources — it's from too many medical tests.

Americans get the most medical radiation in the world, even more than folks in other rich countries. The U.S. accounts for half of the most advanced procedures that use radiation, and the average American's dose has grown sixfold over the last couple of decades.

Too much radiation raises the risk of

cancer. That risk is growing because people in everyday situations are getting imaging tests far too often.

Like the New Hampshire teen who was about to get a CT scan to check for kidney stones until a radiologist, Dr. Steven Birnbaum, discovered he'd already had 14 of these powerful X-rays for previous episodes. Adding up the total dose, "I was horrified" at the cancer risk it posed, Birnbaum said.

After his own daughter, Molly, was given too many scans following a car accident, Birnbaum took action: He asked the two hospitals where he works to watch for any patients who had had 10 or more CT scans, or patients under 40 who had had five—clearly dangerous amounts. They found 50 people over a three-year period, including a young woman with 31 abdominal scans.

When other radiologists tell him they've never found such a case, Birnbaum replies: "That tells me you haven't looked."

Of the many ways Americans are overtested and overtreated, imaging is one of the most

common and insidious. CT scans — "super X-rays" that give fast, extremely detailed images — have soared in use over the last decade, often replacing tests that don't require radiation, such as ultrasound and MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging. Radiation is a hidden danger — you don't feel it when you get it, and any damage usually doesn't show up for years. Taken individually, tests that use radiation pose little risk. Over time, though, the dose accumulates.

Doctors don't keep track of radiation given their patients—they order a test, not a dose. Except for mammograms, there are no federal rules on radiation dose. Children and young women, who are most vulnerable to radiation harm, sometimes get too much at busy imaging centers that don't adjust doses for each patient's size.

That may soon change. In interviews with The Associated Press, U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials described steps in the works, including possibly requiring device makers to print the radiation dose on each X-ray or other image so patients and doctors can see how much was given.

The FDA also is pushing industry and doctors to set standard doses for common tests such as CT scans.

"We are considering requirements and guidelines for record-keeping of dose and other technical parameters of the imaging exam," said Sean Boyd, chief of the FDA's diagnostic devices branch.

A near-term goal: developing a "radiation medical record" to track dose from cradle to grave.

"One of the ways we could improve care is if we had a running sort of Geiger counter" that a doctor checked before ordering a test, said Dr. Prashant Kaul of Duke University.

He led an eye-opening study that found that U.S. heart attack patients get the radiation equivalent of 850 chest X-rays over the first few days they are in the hospital — much of



In this photo taken June 3, 2010, Dr. Steven Birnbaum works a CT scanner with a patient at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

it for repeat tests that may not have been needed.

How much radiation is risky? It's hard to say.

The best guess is based on the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident and studies of Japanese atomic bomb survivors who had excess cancer risk after exposures of 50 to 150 millisieverts (a measure of dose) of radiation. A chest or abdominal CT scan involves 10 to 20 millisieverts.

versus 0.01 to 0.1 for an ordinary chest X-ray, less than 1 for a mammogram, and as little as 0.005 for a dental X-ray. Natural radiation from the sun and soil accounts for about 2 millisieverts a year.

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Brain scan study confirms role of Alzheimer's genes

By Julie Steenhuysen

CHICAGO (Reuters) - A study of brain scans has confirmed the role of several

linked genes with Alzheimer's disease, and turned up two others that are worth exploring, U.S. researchers said on Monday.

A team at General assachusetts Hospital in Boston used magnetic resonance imaging or MRI scans to study

-- such as the size of the hippocampus and amygdala -- in 700 healthy volunteers and Alzheimer's patients.

Thev used computer programs to sort through the genetic sequences of the 700 volunteers to see which gene mutations are most linked with these changes. The study turned up a known

gene - as the most strongly linked with the disease, but it also confirmed three

offender - the APOE4

PICALM - that have been more recently linked with Alzheimer's.

And they fingered two others - BIN1 and CNTN5 which have been suspected, but not strongly linked with Alzheimer's.

While the findings are preliminary, "they may help prioritize targets for future genetic studies," Drs. Alessandro Biffi and Christopher Anderson of

other genes - CLU, CRI, Massachusetts General and the Broad Institute wrote in the Archives of Neurology. Researchers suspect genes can explain 60 to 80 percent of the risk of late onset Alzheimer's disease, the kind that occurs with age. Scientists have long understood the genetic cause

of early onset Alzheimer's, a rare type that affects people under 60, but finding genes that explain the more common late onset form has been far more challenging.

Paul Thompson of the University of California Los Angeles Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, who was not involved with the study, said the findings offer new way of confirming the role of genes in Alzheimer's disease.

He said it now appears unlikely that there are many more single genes like APOE4 that contribute significantly to Alzheimer's disease, but there are likely many genes that, when combined, raise a person's

"The way most of us will get Alzheimer's is through these big sets of risk genes. They are beginning to discover a few of them. None of them is sufficient to get Alzheimer's on its own," Thompson said in a telephone interview.

"It's the slow erosion of the brain from an army of culprits."

Thompson said understanding the role of even a few of these genes will help drug companies devise better weapons to fight Alzheimer's.

Current drugs help manage symptoms but, so far, no treatment can stop the progression of Alzheimer's, which can start with vague memory loss and confusion progressing before complete disability death.

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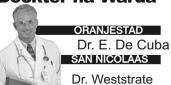
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War and Remembrance

Mary Katharine Ham

Of all the men I met in Baghdad, Colonel Ali Jafar most looks the part of a senior Iraqi officer. A large salt-and-pepper mustache lends him authority—as if he needed it at 6'6". He rests a long arm comfortably against a stack of sandbags at least as tall as I am. Clad in desert camo, cigarette ever-present, he has the calm confidence of one accustomed to command.

We are standing in the expansive marble and sandstone portico of Saddam's Al-Faw Palace on Camp Victory with two American Marines, and the conversation has turned to old war stories.

Ali is suddenly animated, pulling his right pant leg halfway up his calf to reveal a gunshot wound he got in the first Gulf war. "U.S. Army," he says, pointing to a brown-gray scar on his shin the size of a quarter and grinning widely. Lieutenant Colonel Joel Poudrier, who served with Ali in Fallujah in 2006 and 2007, has seen this before.

"You know how he knows it was the Army?" Poudrier asks. "Because the Marines wouldn't have missed."

Another American, Colonel Tom Manion, USMC (Ret.), who is holding a lit cigarette he never smokes in his right hand, chuckles along with Ali. He too bears scars.

Three years ago, Manion's son, First Lieutenant Travis Manion, was killed in action by enemy sniper fire in Fallujah.

No less than Colonel Ali, Travis was an archetypal military man. A broadshouldered athlete with a quick smile, he was born at Camp Lejeune and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy before serving two tours in Iraq, his first during the national elections of 2005. In Fallujah he was on supply duty but eagerly went out on raids, teaching his Iraqi counterparts as part of a Military Transition Team (MiTT). When the Iraqi soldiers with whom he served are asked about him, they use the word "warrior."

He was pulling wounded Marines out of the line of fire and fending off an enemy ambush when he was fatally wounded—displaying "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity," as his Silver Star commendation has it.

I've known the Manion family for three years. I met them six months after Travis died, when 200 of his family members and friends came to Washington to run the Marine Corps Marathon in his honor. Travis had planned to run the race with his dad when he got back from Iraq. Instead, his father ran the race that day wearing two numbers. The official results say Travis Manion crossed the finish line at 4:19:39.

Back then, his mother Janet was barely able to speak at a pre-race dinner honoring Travis. This year, she virtually emceed the event. His older sister went from grieving her brother to leading a foundation in his honor. His father went from being a seemingly stoic, mostly silent, Gold Star father to a candidate for Congress 2008, outperforming expectations in a tough Pennsylvania district and a bad year for Republicans, but ultimately losing to antiwar Iraq veteran Patrick Murphy. Each member of the family has changed. Where they used to say "Since Travis ...," trailing off without finishing the sentence, they now say "Since we lost Travis," with affection and purpose. But beyond grieving, they've committed themselves to the mission Travis is no longer here to serve—the good of his fellow veterans, his country, and the people of Iraq.

So, three years after Travis's death, the father retraced his son's steps, walking into the cavernous belly of a C-130 on a sandy Kuwaiti night to fly to Baghdad. When he texted his wife and daughter from his cargo-net seat, a picture of Travis, smiling in the Iraqi sun under the full weight of his battle rattle, flashed on his BlackBerry screen, illuminating Tom's scuffed Wrestling ballcap, acquired in Travis's academy days.

Travis was with him, as always, but this trip was less about the son than it was about the ideas for which he fought. It was not about overcoming the past, but gauging the future.

Travis died just at the moment when Anbar Province went from a killing field to an "awakening." There were more than 1,000 attacks in Anbar the month he arrived as part of an 11-man MiTT team attached to an Iraqi battalion in December 2006. By April, according to General David Petraeus's 2007 congressional testimony on the surge, that number had been cut in half, making the area safe enough for Defense Secretary Robert Gates to tour the week before Travis was killed.

When Traviswas posthumously awarded the Bronze and Silver Stars, the deputy commanding general in Anbar, Lieutenant General John Allen, said, "He had a personal role in the liberation of Fallujah . . . and the shining example Fallujah has now become."

It was that personal aspect of the victory in Anbar that brought the nonsmoking colonel halfway around the world to share a smoke with Travis's fellow soldiers.

"One team, one enemy," is Colonel Ali's shorthand for the relationship between U.S. Marines and his Iraqi men. "When you lose your son, I lose my friend and I lose my officer."

A 30-year-old Iraqi second lieutenant, whose name was Hussam but whom we dubbed The Politician for a near-Barackian ability to respond to short questions with long answers, was Travis's counterpart, learning the job of a logistics officer under his tutelage. He said through an interpreter:

"We were all getting hit by mortars. If one didn't eat well, the other didn't eat well. If one didn't sleep well, the other didn't sleep well. The only time we were separated is when we went to bed."

He and Travis, who was an energetic debater himself, would wear out their interpreter with late-night talks over Iraqi food about



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The Politician's upcoming marriage, international relations, and the purpose of the U.S. mission in Iraq.

The Politician, like Travis, comes from a military family. He was in law school at the time of the American invasion, but saw no future for himself under what he called Saddam's "failed system." He assumed even if Saddam died, one of his sons would take over, so when Saddam fell the way he did, it "opened a door again" that he'd thought was shut.

Another young lieutenant, who prefers his name not be used because his neighborhood in Baghdad is still dangerous, was with Travis on the day he was killed. A serious man who talks little, he was renowned among the Marines for his competence. Poudrier, an intel officer who served with him, said the Marines would have a briefing with the lieutenant about possible insurgents, and within just hours or days, the lieutenant would have rooted them out using his sources and delivered them to the Marines.

When the interpreter repeats Poudrier's tales of his exploits, the lieutenant lowers his head sheepishly and says, in Arabic, "It is only my duty."

The lieutenant told the story of the fateful raid of April 29, 2007, slowly and in detail. He and Tom Manion bent over a map of Fallujah. The lieutenant pointed out a house he entered on a narrow alley. Tom raised his reading glasses and squinted at the intersection. The lieutenant said he knew a big family lived there, but

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he entered to see plates of food suddenly abandoned, the house silent and still—a sign that the locals knew there was about to be a fight.

Precious time was lost in translating the Arabic word for "ambush" into English. It was the second time we'd heard from Iraqi officers of a translation delay that put soldiers in danger.

"Travis participated with his blood for Iraq's freedom," the lieutenant told Tom, through an interpreter, standing and shaking Tom's hand for emphasis. "The American people and the Iraqis have made an investment of blood in freedom. You're seeing the fruits of this labor."

The battalion in which these officers serve is among the best in the Iraqi Army, a sort of special forces unit sent to hot spots around the country. There is no shortage of incompetent or corrupt officers in the Iraqi Army and police forces—this battalion has had its frustrations with both—but it was encouraging to hear a new generation of Iraqis talk about an open society, and the challenges inherent in becoming one, so hopefully.

As military men, they talk little about politics, though they worry openly that sectarian violence will increase if Iraqi politicians fail to work together. When asked about sectarianism, several said that in the Iraqi Army it is their duty to protect Sunni and Shia both, no matter what.



Dos hombres más ricos mundo lanzan programa de salud en Latinoamérica

MEXICO DF (Reuters) - Carlos Slim y Bill Gates, los dos hombres más ricos del mundo, con una fortuna que combinada suma más de 100,000 millones de dólares, anunciaron el lunes un esfuerzo conjunto para llevar servicios básicos de salud preventiva a pobres en el sur de México y Centroamérica. Slim, quien llegó por primera

Slim, quien llegó por primera vez este año al tope de la lista de Forbes como el hombre más rico del mundo, patrocinará junto con Gates, cofundador de Microsoft Corp, un programa de vacunación, nutrición infantil y cuidados a recién nacidos dirigido a la población más pobre de la región. Cada uno donará 50 millones de dólares a la iniciativa.

El programa de cinco años tiene como objetivo comunidades indígenas - particularmente mujeres y niños- desde el sur de México a lo largo de América Central hasta Panamá. Slim y Gates son los dos hombres más ricos del mundo pero los empresarios siguieron caminos muy distintos para acumular sus riquezas.

Con intereses en la programación de



De izquierda a derecha: la ministra de Salud de España, Trinidad Jiménez, el director ejecutivo de Microsoft, Bill Gates, el multimillonario mexicano Carlos Slim y el presidente del Banco Interamericano del Desarrollo, Luis Alberto Moreno, en una conferencia de prensa realizada en el museo de Antropología de Ciudad de México, jun 14 2010. REUTERS/Eliana Aponte

computadoras durante su infancia, Gates dejó la Universidad de Harvard sin haberse titulado y trabajó en el desarrollo de software, que eventualmente lo llevó a la creación de Microsoft.

Slim, un negociador nato, pasó años de su juventud en el sector financiero antes de comprar la entonces empresa estatal de telefonía Teléfonos de México en 1990, en una jugada que disparó su fortuna. Ambos han hecho de la salud una piedra angular de sus esfuerzos filantrópicos en los últimos años. "Sí, esta es la primera vez (que trabajan juntos en un programa de ayuda) pero seguramente no será la única o la última", dijo Slim a reporteros en el museo

de Antropología en la Ciudad de México, dedicado al legado de las culturas indígenas de Mesoamérica.

Ambos personajes han donado una porción de sus respectivas fortunas a través de sus asociaciones de caridad, pero mientras Gates ha enfatizado en el desarrollo de vacunas y nuevas ciencias de la salud, Slim ha canalizado la mayor parte de sus recursos a programas culturales y deportivos.

Los dos empresarios han hecho hincapié en las necesidades de nutrición y salud de los pobres. "Nuestra fundación tiene mucha innovación en términos de nuevas drogas y vacunas y lo que se necesita son ambas para inventar nuevas herramientas e innovación, y entrega para poner a disposición esas herramientas", dijo Gates.

"Estoy seguro de que encontraremos caminos para trabajar juntos en ambos aspectos y mejorar la salud", añadió. Mientras que Slim ha preparado a sus seis hijos para continuar con su riqueza e interés público, Gates, padre de tres, ha dicho que espera deshacerse de la mayoría de su enorme fortuna.

Slim ha dicho que un hombre de negocios hace más creando empleos y riqueza a través de la inversión que "siendo Santa Claus". La nueva iniciativa de salud, que está respaldada también por el Gobierno español, será supervisada por el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) y los gobiernos locales.

Después de permanercer muchos años en poder de las Farc

Rehenes colombianos celebran libertad aún con cadenas

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Los cuatro efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas de Colombia rescatados de manos de las FARC celebraron el lunes ver y abrazar a sus familias después de años de secuestro y, aún exhibiendo las cadenas que los ataban a árboles en la selva, agradecieron su regreso a la libertad.

Tres de los cuatro rescatados, uno de los cuales apareció el lunes luego huir asustado en medio del operativo militar para su liberación, tenían las cadenas colgando de sus cuellos ante la imposibilidad de que se las retiraran en la selva.

El rescate del general Luis Mendieta, de los coroneles Enrique Murillo y William Donato, así como el sargento Arbey Delgado, se produjo el domingo en una zona rural del municipio de Calamar, en el selvático departamento del Guaviare.

Mendieta, el oficial de más alto rango que permanecía secuestrado por las izquierdistas Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), agradeció al presidente Alvaro Uribe y a los militares por el rescate "limpio y transparente".

La operación constituyó un nuevo golpe militar y político a las FARC, el mayor grupo guerrillero que opera en el país sudamericano que se ha visto debilitado por una ofensiva endurecida durante el Gobierno de Uribe, cuyo sucesor será elegido por los colombianos el domingo 20 de junio.

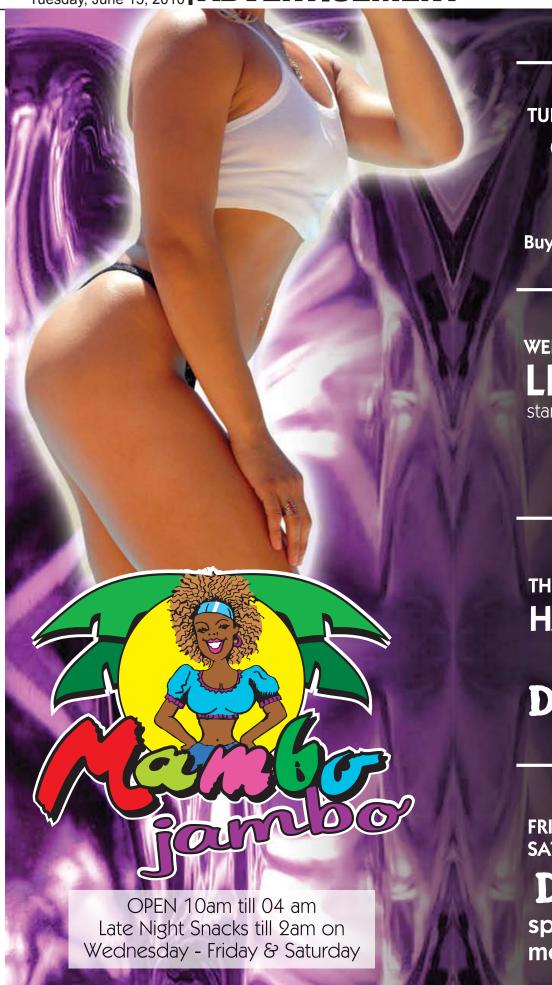
Con un uniforme camuflado y siendo el único de los cuatro liberados en no tener cadenas, Mendieta dijo que regresó sin saber qué está pasando en Colombia y en el mundo porque la guerrilla les quitó los radio transistores desde hace meses.

"Desafortunadamente hace más de 16 meses no teníamos radio entonces, por lo tanto, salgo en este momento desconociendo muchas cosas de Colombia, del mundo, del país, de todo, además de casi los 12 años de rezago académico e intelectual en todas las áreas del conocimiento", contó.

El oficial, secuestrado en noviembre de 1998 durante un asalto a la ciudad de Mitú, la capital del selvático departamento del Vaupés, pidió a las FARC que les permitan a los rehenes tener un radio porque es el único medio de contacto con sus familias y el mundo exterior.

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